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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBOFF TOLD BY CHAVARRI, SUBDIRECTOR

GENERAL OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, CONFERENCE FAILURE WAS, IN HIS VIEW, A BLOW TO THE FRENCH, WHO HE THINKS WILL FEEL FORCED TO MAKE FURTHER DEMARCHE SOON. ALGERIA'S STAND PRINCIPAL CAUSE FAILURE CONFERENCE. SPANISH OECD DELEGATE REPORTED ALGERIA AND IRAN STRONGEST INTEREST WAS MAINTAIN PRICE DUE WELL-LAID PLANS SPEND OIL MONEY. ALGERIA BLAMED US, WRONGLY, IN HIS VIEW, FOR CONFERENCE FAILURE. IEA NOT BREAKING UP. IF ANYTHING, IT SEEMS TO SPANISH TO BE SOLIDIFIED. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAVARRI'S OVERALL IMPRESSION OF CONFERENCE, GATHERED FROM SPANISH OECD DELEGATE REPORTS AND FROM HIS OWN ATTENDANCE MANY PREVIOUS CONFERENCES, IS THAT PREPCON WAS FAILURE ("FRACASO"). HE STRESSED THAT THIS WAS BLOW TO THE FRENCH, SINCE THEY HAD ORIGINATED THE IDEA. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE GOF WOULD ATTEMPT SOME OTHER SPECTACULAR MOVE IN ORDER TO SALVAGE WOUNDED FRENCH EGO. HE WAS CERTAIN FRENCH WERE NOT ABOUT TO COME TO IEA WITH BOWED HEAD TO REQUEST MEMBERSHIP.

3. CHAVARRI STATED AT SOME LENGTH THAT ALGERIA WAS RESPONSIBLE, BY ITS CONTINUED INSISTENCE IN WIDENING THE SCOPE OF THE PLENARY CONFERENCE, FOR PREPCON FAILURE. HE SAID SPANISH OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT ALGERIA AND IRAN, BOTH OF WHICH HAD ELABORATE AND COSTLY DEVELOPMENT PLANS, ASSUMED IN THESE PLANS THAT CURRENT OIL PRICES WILL PREVAIL FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HENCE, LATTER TWO PRODUCERS CAN BE COUNTED ON TO RESIST STRONGLY ANY PRICE LOWERING. ON OTHER HAND, LYBIA, KUWIAT AND ABU DHABI MIGHT BE A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE.

4. CHAVARRI ALSO STRESSED WHAT HE REGARDED AS ALGERIAN ATTEMPT IN BOTH PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS AND CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS REPORTED FROM PARIS TO BLAME THE US FOR FAILURE CONFERENCE. HE STATED STRONGLY THIS MOST UNFAIR AND PERHAPS EVEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. SPANISH REPS PARIS IMPRESSED BY FOREBEARANCE US DELEGATION.

5. CHAVARRI NOTED HIS COLLEAGUES PARIS BELIEVE THAT IEA, IF ANYTHING, IS MORE UNITED THAN PREVIOUSLY. ONLY POSSIBLE EXCEPTION HE GUESSED MIGHT BE SWEDEN. CHAVARRI HOPED IEA COULD CONTINUE USEFUL TECHNICAL DIALOGUE, OUTSIDE GLARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. SPAIN NOT REPRESENTED AS SUCH AT PREPCON. MANY OF ABOVE IMPRESSIONS PRESUMABLY CAME FROM ENRIQUE DE MORA, INDUSTRY MINISTRY OFFICIAL PERMANENTLY ATTACHED SPANISH MISSION OECD. STABLER

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